

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF June 21, 2016

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on June 21, 2016. Trustee Vince Coia called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Pat Artz and Hank Gibson; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Department Heads Fire Chief Mark Kozak, Zoning Inspector/Liaison Jim DiPaola and Assistant Fiscal Officer Jon Summers. Road Superintendent Darrell Stephens was absent. Audience members were Greg Scott, Mark Smith, Thomas Hall, Tasha Ase Bet, Monica Minor and Tammy Adkins.

AUDIENCE

Vince Coia opened the floor to the audience. First to speak was Mark Smith listing his group's demands for support and reparations. Vince Coia told him that everything that they are trying to do is based and begun at the Federal level. Vince asked him who his contacts were at the upper levels and Mark said he had been in touch with the FBI, they had told him to start at the local level. Vince told Mark that he needed to contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Vince explained that the Township is at the bottom of the pecking order, we are subservient to the County, State, and Federal rules and regulations. There is nothing we can do for them. We have no authority to do anything, if we're not specifically told to do so from above. Vince read a letter drafted for Mark by the prosecutor's office which reiterated what Vince had said and directed Mark to other sources for further investigation. Mark then wanted to discuss an issue Thomas Hall was having with his neighbors. Mr. Hall said that the neighbors had moved property pins and had built fences and a driveway on his property and that his taxes have gone up because of the improvements. The Trustees and Zoning Inspector explained how this was a private property dispute and should be handled through attorneys and through the civil courts. Mr. Hall said he couldn't afford the attorney fees. The Trustees told him he should be contacting the Community Legal Aid department and gave Mr. Hall the phone number. Mr. Hall requested that the Township write up a letter stating that we can't help him. The Zoning Inspector said he would do so.

Tammy Adkins said that her father lives on Hoover Rd and believes Hoover Rd used to be maintained by the township. She thinks it is a private road now, but it is in bad shape and was wondering how she might be able to get it back to being a township maintained road. She requested grindings be placed in the pot holes since they are so large. Vince said that putting grindings in wouldn't be a problem and that even though it is a private road our emergency vehicles need access. Jim checked the inventory list and .082 miles of Hoover Road from SR 59 (about 432') is a township road. Vince said he would talk with the road superintendent to determine what can be done.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2016. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Vince Coia announced the correspondence book was present and available for public viewing.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve payroll warrants for June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$33,107.78 and other warrants in the amount of \$37,358.71 with warrants over \$1,000.00 being read aloud. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Financial reports from the meeting of June 7, 2016 were reviewed and found to be in good order. A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Pat Artz to approve and accept the financial reports as presented. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Pat Artz asked how the food drive went the previous Saturday. Hank said he'd talked with Lorie Marozzi and it had gone well.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman was present and reported the following:

Financial reports have been distributed to the Trustees and department heads in Excel spreadsheets.

The State Auditor's Office conducted their field work for 2014/15 AUP audit for three days last week. They were doing the County audit at the same time and have a more firm deadline for completion of that audit, so they may be back after the manager's review is done.

Regarding union negotiations, we are waiting on the fact-finder's report which is expected to be here by Friday. We may need to hold an emergency meeting since we will need to respond to it before the next scheduled regular meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Supervisor Darrell Stephens was absent and Vince Coia reported the following:

Darrell has contacted 3 companies for bids on outfitting the new truck. He should have something to present at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Darrell would like to hire Greg Scott as the seasonal road crew worker. He has not received the drug screen report back yet though.

RES #16-076 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to hire Greg Scott as part-time seasonal road worker at the rate of \$9.50/hour pending a clean drug screen. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

The Road Crew is unable to break up the rock on Dawley Road in preparation for the Issue II road widening project. Darrell will need to find a company to remove a portion of the rock.

A letter to the County Engineer has been drafted for signature to request that they prepare the Issue II bid books.

Vince has spoken to a resident on Westwood regarding a sinking culvert. He will tell Darrell about it.

Pat said she was not too far off on her estimate of the Hazel Road resurfacing costs. Jim DiPaola said he had presented the offer to split the costs with Giant Eagle but has not heard back from them yet.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Inspector/Liaison Jim DiPaola was present and reported the following:

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on June 8, 2016 and granted 3 variance requests for the new ALDI store at 1250 E. Main St.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on July 13, 2016 to hear a variance request for a 6 foot high fence in a front yard on Lakewood Rd.

The foreclosed property at 3939 Summit Road has been mowed. The bank has to go to court to have the vehicles and boats removed. That court date has not been scheduled.

The Zoning Commission met on June 15th. They have text changes that will be presented to the Trustees at the 2nd meeting in July.

Two abandoned properties have been forwarded to Brad Cromes for placement on the foreclosure process for the Land Bank - 6126 Spring St and 3415 Spruce Avenue.

There was a mediation hearing on 4092 Summit Road today, no representative from the property owner was present. The Prosecutor's Office will proceed with foreclosure

Jim will be on vacation July 3rd through July 9th.

Jim attended a meeting conducted by Brad Cromes on proposed foreclosures in the McElrath and Skeels communities. The acquisitions will be handled through the Land Bank.

Pat said she had spoken with Mr. Furry, he was complaining about his neighbor's chickens. Jim said the neighbor's lot falls within the 1-5 acres non-platted subdivision where residents are allowed to raise poultry.

LIAISON

Jim will be attending training on June 27th on how to program and trouble shoot the flag pole lighting system. Peggy DiPaola and Jack Shafer will also be attending.

There is a JEDD meeting on June 27th at 3 PM. At that time Todd Pertz will be seated as the 5th JEDD Board Member.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Mark Kozak was present and reported the following:

So far, there have been no participants in the Smoke Detector Give a Way Raffle.

Engine 2414 has a passenger window needing a new motor.

Engine 2413 has a broken ladder lock. Mark is working to have it repaired under warranty.

The annual pump testing is coming up.

The live fire training on the house on Summit Road will be on Saturday, July 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

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Pat and Hank both said they will be absent from the next meeting. It was decided to move the next regular meeting from July 5th to June 29th at noon. The Budget Hearing Meeting was rescheduled from July 5th to July 11th at 5 PM.

FISCAL OFFICER

RES #16-077 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve the following PO's and BC's:

1. PO # 208-2016 to Ohio Cat in the amount of \$500.00 for pump testing from the Fire fund.

R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Pat Artz to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

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